

EXHIBIT B

Application No. 10/080,818

PATENT

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Applicant : Thomas Dean Gulley
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)(3) BY ELIZABETH A. JUE

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Commissioner:

I, Eliabeth A Jue, do hereby declare:

1. I am a secretary to Daniel R. Kimbell, Esq., of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP.
2. I have personal knowledge that the original amendment dated December 17, 2003 and a petition to extend time by one month, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively, were transmitted to the Commissioner of Patents on December 17, 2003.
3. In our office, the standard procedure for sending faxes to the Commissioner of Patents is to provide these items to be transmitted to our copy and fax center, which then faxes out the requested items. Our fax machines automatically generate a confirmation sheet to let us know whether the fax was properly transmitted, and with how many pages. I followed the standard procedure in this case, and the transmission sheet generated indicates that 20 pages were successfully transmitted to the USPTO on December 17, 2003 at 3:49 p.m. (See Exhibit C). Based on this, I have every reason to believe that the amendment of December 17, 2003 was timely filed.

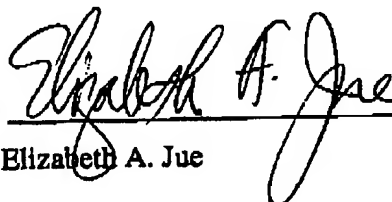
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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date

8.20.2004

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